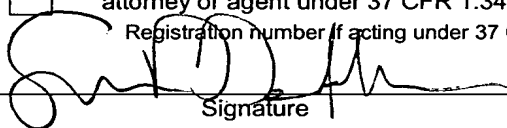




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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)<br/>FY 2005</b><br>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)  |   | <b>Docket Number (Optional)</b><br>HHI-031USRCE |                         |
| <b>Application Number</b> 09/890588-Conf. #6532   |   | <b>Filed</b> November 21, 2001                  |                         |
| <b>For</b> FLUID FILTER WITH REMOVABLE CENTRAL COMPONENT WITH ADDITIONAL RETAINER   |   |   |                         |
| <b>Art Unit</b> 1723  |   | <b>Examiner</b> M. O. Savage                    |                         |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.  |   |   |                         |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):   |   |   |                         |
|   |   | <u>Fee</u>                                      | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))   | \$120   | \$60                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))  | \$450   | \$225                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))  | \$1020  | \$510                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))   | \$1590  | \$795                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))   | \$2160  | \$1080                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.   |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |   |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.   |   |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-0080. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. |   |                         |
| I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.   |   |   |                         |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 42,482   |   |   |                         |
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| <br>Signature  |   | December 14, 2004<br>Date                       |                         |
| Sean D. Detweiler<br>Typed or printed name  |   | (617) 227-7400<br>Telephone Number              |                         |
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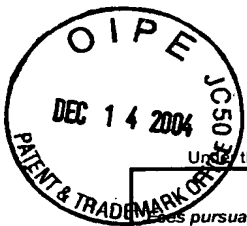
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|  |  | Application Number       | 09/890588-Conf. #6532 |                     |              |
|  |  | Filing Date              | November 21, 2001     |                     |              |
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| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>   |  | <b>(\$)</b>              | 450.00                | Attorney Docket No. | HHI-031USRCE |

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| <b>FEE CALCULATION</b>  |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
| <b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>  |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
| <b>Application Type</b>   | <b>Fee (\$)</b>     | <b>FILING FEES</b>                                      | <b>SEARCH FEES</b>           | <b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>          | <b>Fees Paid (\$)</b> |                              |  |
|   |                     | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>                            | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b> | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>     |                       |                              |  |
| Utility   | 300                 | 150   | 500                          | 250                              | 200                   | 100                          |  |
| Design  | 200                 | 100   | 100                          | 50                               | 130                   | 65                           |  |
| Plant   | 200                 | 100   | 300                          | 150                              | 160                   | 80                           |  |
| Reissue   | 300                 | 150   | 500                          | 250                              | 600                   | 300                          |  |
| Provisional   | 200                 | 100   | 0                            | 0                                | 0                     | 0                            |  |
| <b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>   |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
| <b>Fee Description</b>  |                     |   |                              |                                  | <b>Fee (\$)</b>       | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b> |  |
| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent  |                     |   |                              |                                  | 50                    | 25                           |  |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent   |                     |   |                              |                                  | 200                   | 100                          |  |
| Multiple dependent claims   |                     |   |                              |                                  | 360                   | 180                          |  |
| <b>Total Claims</b>   | <b>Extra Claims</b> | <b>Fee (\$)</b>   | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>         | <b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b> |                       |                              |  |
| 12  | - 20 =              | x   | =                            | <b>Fee (\$)</b>                  | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>  |                              |  |
| <b>Indep. Claims</b>  | <b>Extra Claims</b> | <b>Fee (\$)</b>   | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>         |                                  |                       |                              |  |
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| <b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>  |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
| If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
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| <b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>  |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)   |                     |   |                              |                                  |                       |                              |  |
| Other: 1252 Extension for response within second month  |                     |   |                              |                                  | 450.00                |                              |  |

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| <b>SUBMITTED BY</b> |                   |                                   |                   |
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